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Letter dated 8 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text, in English and French, of a statement of the European Community and its member States on South Africa, issued at Luxembourg on 6 April 1992 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 33 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

Statement on South Africa issued by the European Community and its member States on 6 April 1992

The Community and its member States, which have been following very closely the positive developments taking place in the framework of the Convention for a Democratic South Africa, reaffirm their commitment to the creation of a democratic and non-racial South Africa and the well-being of all its people.

Recalling the Rome European Council decision of December 1990 to review gradually restrictive measures adopted towards South Africa, the Community and its member States have decided to lift the oil embargo in effect since 1985.

As to the restrictive measures in the cultural, scientific and sporting fields, the Community and its member States, recalling the declarations issued by the ministerial meeting of 20 February 1990 and the European Council of Luxembourg of June 1991, have also decided that they be formally lifted.

The Community and its member States express their willingness to continue to support the programme of positive measures implemented in 1985 to help the victims of apartheid.

The Community and its member States hope that these measures will encourage positive developments in South Africa, in particular the establishment of an interim government.